Tripura, Assam, Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi, Meghalaya, Gujarat, Haryana, Maharashtra and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Antyodaya Anna Yojana has so far been implemented in 15 States and 3 Union Territories.

(b) and (c). Some State Governments have raised the issue regarding the burden an account of additional expenses towards transportation and dealers margins in respect of foodgrains distributed under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY). The Government of India is already reimbursing road transport cost on actual basis for lifting of foodgrains from the base depots of FCI to the designated PDCs under the Hill Transport Subsidy (HTS) scheme for BPL foodgrains to the North-Eastern States and hilly States. This will also be applicable for foodgrains lifted under AAY for Antyodaya beneficiaries.

Flexibility has been given to the State Governments/UT Administrations in the matter of fixing the margin for the fair price shops by removing the restriction that the difference between the Central Issue Price (CEP) and Retail Issue Price (RIP) should be within 50 paise per kg. for distribution of foodgrains to BPL families under TPDS. However, the States/UTs have been requested to retain the end retail price for Antodaya beneficiaries at Rs. 2 a kg. for wheat and Rs. 3 a kg. for rice.

Fake marketing agents in Delhi

† 4156. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that various marketing agencies in Delhi are doing door to door marketing of consumer items and give a guarantee for a certain period on the products but they change their product.-; after some days and refuse to change the defective item in the guarantee period on the same basis;

(b) the steps taken by Government to stop this trend and to protect the interest of the consumers; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against the Rainbow Marketing Agency, 1/3 Lalita Park, Laxminagar involved in this business ?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD) : (a) to (c). The Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi have reported that they have not received any complaint against M/s. Rainbow Marketing Agency, 1/3, Lalita Park, Laxminagar. For redressal of complaints against defective goods, deficient services and restrictive/unfair trade practices, a consumer can approach the consumer disputes redressal agencies set up under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

Patrolling at Indo-China Border

4157. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR :
SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country shares with China a border in Eastern Ladakh a part of which is on the Pangong Tso Lake of which two-third is occupied by China;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Indian Navy Patrolling the lake is ill equipped as compared to the Chinese and that the vessels acquired from Israel are not enough for the purpose; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to remove the deficiency in patrolling the lake by the Indian Navy to counter the Chinese presence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU) : (a) to (c) Pangong Tso Lake is located on the India-China Border area in the Western Sector. There are differing perceptions between India and China in regard to some areas along the entire Line of Actual Control (LAC). Pangong Tso Lake area is one of them.

Indian Navy has no presence in Pangong Tso Lake. Therefore, there is no question of their patrolling here. Our troops have been undertaking regular and effective patrolling in different areas, including in Pangong Tso Lake upto our perception of the LAC.

Government remain vigilant and take all necessary and appropriate measures to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India.